

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on May 5, 2006. Claims 1, 3, 16, 17, 22 to 25, 28, 38, 39, 47, 57, 61, 70, 72, 81, 82, 84, and 89 to 92 have been amended. New Claims 94 to 124 have been added. Claims 18, 42, 62, 63, and 77 have been canceled. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 to cover the cost of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and any other fees due in connection with this Response.

The Office Action objected to Claims 1, 3, 17, and 47 because of informalities. Applicants have corrected the informalities, in accordance with the Office Action's recommendation. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that these objections be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected Claims 16, 38, 39, and 47 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. More specifically, on Page 3 of the Office Action, the Office Action indicated that Claims 16, 38, and 47 fail to provide sufficient antecedent basis for certain elements. Applicants have amended Claims 16, 38, 39, and 47 to provide proper antecedent basis, as suggested by the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections have been overcome.

On pages 3 to 4 of the Office Action, the Office Action objected to Claims 4 to 6, 13, 18, 21 to 25, 35, 42, 44 to 46, 51, 54 to 56, 59, 63, 65 to 69, 74, 77, 79, 80, 83, 86, and 89 to 91 for being dependent on rejected base claims. The Office Action indicated

that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base Claim and any intervening Claims. Although the Office Action indicated that Claim 83 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Office Action later rejected Claim 83 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent 6,159,095 to Frohm ("Frohm"), in view of U.S. Pre-grant Publication No. 2002/0025849 to Olive ("Olive"), in further view of U.S. Patent Application 2002/0004424 to Nelson ("Nelson") (See below). Applicants believe that the Office Action intended to state that Claim 81 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants have added new Claims 94 to 124. The following summarizes the newly added claims:

- New independent Claim 94 includes the elements of original Claims 1, 2 and 4.
- New independent Claim 95 includes the elements of original Claims 1, 2 and 5.
- New independent Claim 96 includes the elements of original Claims 1, 2 and 6.
- New independent Claim 97 includes the elements of original Claims 1 and 13.
- New independent Claim 98 includes the elements of original Claims 1 and 21.
- New independent Claim 99 includes the elements of original Claims 1 and 22.

- New Claim 100 depends from new independent Claim 99, and corresponds to original Claim 23.
- New independent Claim 101 includes the elements of original Claims 1 and 24.
- New Claim 102 depends from new independent Claim 101, and corresponds to original Claim 25.
- New independent Claim 103 includes the elements of original Claims 28 and 35.
- New independent Claim 104 includes the elements of original Claims 28, 43, and 44.
- New independent Claim 105 includes the elements of original Claims 28, 43, and 45.
- New independent Claim 106 includes the elements of original Claims 28, 43, and 46.
- New independent Claim 107 includes the elements of original Claims 47 and 51.
- New independent Claim 108 includes the elements of original Claims 47, 53, and 54.
- New independent Claim 109 includes the elements of original Claims 47, 53, and 55.
- New independent Claim 110 includes the elements of original Claims 47, 53, and 56.

- New independent Claim 111 includes the elements of original Claims 57 and 59.
- New independent Claim 112 includes the elements of original Claims 57 and 65.
- New independent Claim 113 includes the elements of original Claims 57 and 66.
- New independent Claim 114 includes the elements of original Claims 57 and 67.
- New independent Claim 115 includes the elements of original Claims 57 and 68.
- New independent Claim 116 includes the elements of original Claims 57 and 69.
- New independent Claim 117 includes the elements of original Claims 72 and 74.
- New independent Claim 118 includes the elements of original Claims 72 and 79.
- New independent Claim 119 includes the elements of original Claims 72 and 80.
- New independent Claim 120 includes the elements of original Claims 72 and 81.
- New independent Claim 121 includes the elements of original Claims 84 and 86.

- New independent Claim 122 includes the elements of original Claims 84 and 89.
- New independent Claim 123 includes the elements of original Claims 84 and 90.
- New independent Claim 124 includes the elements of original Claims 84 and 91.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that new Claims 94 to 124 are each in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1 to 3, 7, 12, 14 to 17, 19, 20, 26 to 29, 34, 36 to 41, 43, 47, 50, 52, 53, 57, 58, 60 to 62, 64, 72, 73, 75, 76, 78, 84, 85, 87 and 88 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Frohm in view of Olive. Applicants respectfully disagree with these rejections. Nonetheless, Applicant has amended certain of the claims, as described in more detail below, to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to prosecute the original filed claims or claims of similar scope in one or more continuation patent applications. Accordingly, Applicant's amendment of such claims shall not constitute any prejudice or disclaimer with respect to the patentability of such claims.

- Independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of Claim 18. As discussed above, the Office Action indicated that Claim 18 contains allowable subject matter and that the prior art does not suggest the elements of Claim 18 in conjunction with independent Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent

Claim 1 and Claims 2, 3, 12, 14 to 17, 19, 20, 26, and 27 which depend from amended independent Claim 1 are each in condition for allowance.

- Independent Claim 28 has been amended to include the elements of Claim 42. As discussed above, the Office Action indicated that Claim 42 contains allowable subject matter and that the prior art does not suggest the elements of Claim 42 in conjunction with independent Claim 28. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent Claim 28 and Claims 29, 34, 36 to 41, and 43 which depend from amended independent Claim 28 are each in condition for allowance.
- Independent Claim 47 has been amended to include the limitation “the first and second symbol indicators are movable relative to the award indicator.” For reasons similar to those given above with respect to amended independent Claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent Claim 47 and Claims 50, 52, and 53 which depend from amended independent Claim 47 are each in condition for allowance.
- Independent Claim 57 has been amended to include the elements of Claim 63. As discussed above, the Office Action indicated that Claim 63 contains allowable subject matter and that the prior art does not suggest the elements of Claim 63 in conjunction with independent Claim 57. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent Claim 57 and Claims 58, 60, 61, and 64 which depend from amended independent Claim 57 are each in condition for allowance.

- Independent Claim 72 has been amended to include the elements of Claim 77. As discussed above, the Office Action indicated that Claim 77 contains allowable subject matter and that the prior art does not suggest the elements of Claim 77 in conjunction with independent Claim 72. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent Claim 72 and Claims 73, 75, 76, and 78 which depend from amended independent Claim 72 are each in condition for allowance.
- Independent Claim 84 has been amended to include the step “moving said activated first and second symbol indicators relative to the award indicator.” For reasons similar to those given above with respect to amended independent Claims 1 and 47, Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent Claim 84 and Claims 85, 87, and 88 which depend from amended independent Claim 84 are each in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejected Claims 8 to 11, 30 to 33, 48 and 49 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Frohm, in view of Olive, in further view of U.S. pre-grant patent no. 2002/0025846 to Bennett (“Bennett”).

Claims 8 to 11 depend directly and indirectly from amended independent Claim 1. Claims 30 to 33 depend directly from amended independent Claim 28. Claims 48 and 49 depend directly from amended independent Claim 47. For the reasons discussed above with respect to amended independent Claims 1, 28, and 47, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 8 to 11, 30 to 33, 48 and 49 are each

patentably distinguished over the combination of Frohm, Olive, and Bennett and in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejected Claims 70, 71, 82, 83, 92, and 93 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Frohm, in view of Olive, in further view of Nelson.

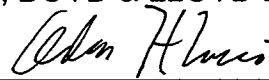
Claims 70 and 71 depend from amended independent Claim 57. Claims 82 and 83 depend from amended independent Claim 72. Claims 92 and 93 depend from amended independent Claim 84. For the reasons discussed above with respect to amended independent Claims 57, 72, and 84, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 70, 71, 82, 83, 92, and 93 are each patentably distinguished over the combination of Frohm, Olive, and Nelson and in condition for allowance.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and in the absence of more pertinent art such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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